# BARON INTERNATIONAL GROWTH FUND

September 30, 2021

Institutional Shares (BINIX)



### Portfolio Manager

Michael Kass joined Baron in 2007 as a portfolio manager and has 34 years of research experience. From 2003 to 2007, Michael was a managing principal of Artemis Advisors, which he formed to acquire the Artemis Funds, a long-short equity strategy he co-founded in 1998. From 1993 to 2003, he worked at ING as a director of proprietary trading and was named senior managing director and portfolio manager in 1996. From 1989 to 1993, he worked at Lazard Frères in investment banking. From 1987 to 1989, he worked at Bear Stearns as a corporate finance analyst. Michael graduated summa cum laude from Tulane University with a B.A. in Economics in 1987.

### Investment Principles

- Long-term perspective allows us to think like an owner of a business
- Independent and exhaustive research is essential to understanding the long-term fundamental growth prospects of a business
- We seek open-ended growth opportunities, exceptional leadership, and sustainable competitive advantages
- Purchase price and risk management are integral to our investment process

### Investment Strategy

The Fund invests mainly in non-U.S. companies of any size with significant growth potential. The Fund invests principally in companies in developed countries. Diversified.



### Portfolio Facts and Characteristics

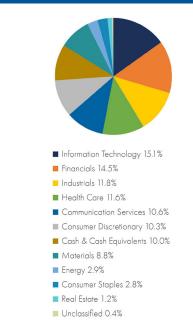
Inception Date	December 31, 2008
Net Assets	\$743.70 million
# of Issuers / % of Net Assets	97 / 90.0%
Turnover (3 Year Average)	46.50%
Active Share	89.9%
Median Market Cap <sup>2</sup>	\$14.57 billion
Weighted Average Market Cap²	\$57.34 billion
As of FYE 12/31/2020	Institutional Shares
CUSIP	06828M603
Gross Expense Ratio	1.01%
Less: Reimbursement of Expenses by Adviser	(0.06)%
Net Expense Ratio	0.95%

## Top 10 Holdings

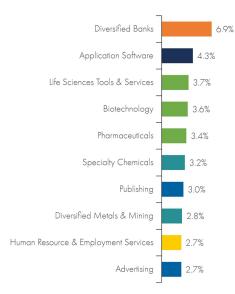
Retail and R6 Shares are also available for this Fund.

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	% of Net Assets
Future plc	3.0
S4 Capital plc	2.7
BNP Paribas S.A.	2.3
Keyence Corporation	2.0
Bajaj Finance Limited	1.9
TCS Group Holding PLC	1.8
Endava plc	1.8
argenx SE	1.8
Eurofins Scientific SE	1.6
Linde plc	1.6
Total	20.5

#### GICS Sector Breakdown 1,4



### Top GICS Sub-Industry Breakdown<sup>1</sup>



Colors of Sub-Industry bars correspond to sector chart above.

#### Risks

Risks: Non-U.S. investments may involve additional risks to those inherent in U.S. investments, including exchange-rate fluctuations, political or economic instability, the imposition of exchange controls, expropriation, limited disclosure and illiquid markets. This may result in greater share price volatility. Securities of small and medium-sized companies may be thinly traded and more difficult to sell. Even

though the Fund is diversified, it may establish significant positions where the Adviser has the greatest conviction. This could increase BARON volatility of the Fund's returns.

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Historical Performance (Calendar Year %)								
Year	BINIX	MSCI ACWI ex USA Index	MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Growth Index					
2012	18.17	16.83	16.69					
2013	21.89	15.29	15.85					
2014	-2.07	-3.87	-2.77					
2015	1.48	-5.66	-0.26					
2016	1.35	4.50	0.06					
2017	37.33	27.19	32.25					
2018	- 17.68	-14.20	- 14.96					
2019	29.39	21.51	26.98					
2020	30.83	10.65	22.40					

	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Std. Dev. (%) - Annualized	19.20	15.90	14.77
Sharpe Ratio	0.79	0.84	0.78
Alpha (%) - Annualized	7.79	5.32	4.90
Beta	1.02	1.01	0.94
R-Squared (%)	89.16	85.85	84.27
Tracking Error (%)	6.33	5.98	5.92
Information Ratio	1.31	0.94	0.79
Upside Capture (%)	117.04	110.00	102.30
Downside Capture (%)	86.33	82.83	<i>7</i> 6.65

Country Breakdown								
	% of Net Assets		% of Net Assets					
Unclassified	1.1	Developed (Cont'd)						
Uruguay	1.1	Denmark	1.0					
Developed	63.3	Italy	1.0					
United Kingdom	17.5	Hong Kong	0.8					
Japan	9.2	Australia	0.7					
France	6.7	Norway	0.6					
Netherlands	5.2	Emerging	25.6					
Switzerland	4.4	China	8.8					
Germany	4.0	India	7.5					
Spain	3.1	Russia	3.9					
Israel	2.7	Brazil	3.0					
United States	2.3	Korea	1.1					
Sweden	2.1	Poland	0.8					
Canada	2.0	Mexico	0.5					

Performance	Total Return (%)				Annualized Returns (%)				Cumulative Returns (%)	
	3rd Q 2021	2nd Q 2021	1 st Q 2021	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception 12/31/2008	Since Inception 12/31/2008
BINIX-Institutional Shares	-1.03	8.51	2.34	9.90	30.30	16.32	14.55	12.13	12.75	361.82
MSCI ACWI ex USA Index	-2.99	5.48	3.49	5.90	23.92	8.03	8.94	7.48	8.07	169.11
MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Growth Index	-3.06	6.62	0.38	3.75	18.51	12.07	11.31	9.45	9.86	231.51
Morningstar Foreign Large Growth Category Average	-1.52	6.77	0.31	5.36	20.30	13.07	12.18	10.50	N/A	N/A

BY SUB-INDUSTRIES <sup>1</sup>			BY HOLDINGS		
Top Contributors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)	Top Contributors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Advertising	2.54	0.67	S4 Capital plc	2.54	0.67
Human Resource & Employment Services	2.34	0.50	Godrej Properties Limited	0.82	0.44
Real Estate Development	0.82	0.44	Bajaj Finance Limited	1.71	0.41
Life Sciences Tools & Services	3.62	0.43	Future plc	2.95	0.41
Consumer Finance	1.71	0.41	Endava plc	1.71	0.31
Top Detractors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)	Top Detractors	Average Weight(%)	Contribution(%)
Construction Machinery & Heavy Trucks	2.35	-0.52	Zai Lab Limited	1.23	-0.59
Internet Services & Infrastructure	1.91	-0.50	Alibaba Group Holding Limited	1.13	-0.45
Biotechnology	4.19	-0.48	Korea Shipbuilding & Offshore Engineering	1.36	-0.43
Internet & Direct Marketing Retail	1.13	-0.45	Co., Ltd.	1.50	-0.43
Interactive Media & Services	1.62	-0.36	Wix.com Ltd.	0.95	-0.35
			StoneCo Ltd.	0.51	-0.30

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- 2 Source: FactSet PA and BAMCO.
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